

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – July 24, 2013

ATTENDING: Sheldon Dyer, Michael Gerald, Frank Musiek, Howard Raphaelson
STAFF: Jay O'Keefe, Curt Vincente
GUESTS: None

- A. Call to Order –Chairman S. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.
- B. Approval of Minutes – M. Gerald moved and F. Musiek seconded that the minutes from the April 24, 2013 meeting be approved and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Co-Sponsorship Update – C. Vincente noted that youth football will not be happening this year due to lack of parental support. J. O'Keefe gave a brief update on the WAM United Soccer group and discussed the start-up of a new lacrosse program. C. Vincente discussed the Little League activities so far this spring, noting the fence improvements to field C at Southeast Park. J. O'Keefe discussed the coordination of a quarterly youth sports administrators meeting.
- D. Old Business – C. Vincente gave a brief update on membership, facility usage and discussed current marketing campaigns. Membership fee recommendations were discussed. Formal recommendations will go to the Town Council for consideration this fall. The general discussion centered around changes to the fees that will encourage more resident family participation. The UConn Capstone Graduate Student projects in 2012 and 2013 were discussed as they relate to fee recommendations. Several other miscellaneous fee recommendations were also discussed. C. Vincente offered to email final recommendations to RAC members to solicit feedback since the next RAC meeting will likely be after the date that Town Council will have this item on their agenda. The upcoming shut-down for maintenance at the Community Center was also reviewed, with several major improvement projects noted. C. Vincente reviewed plans to install solar powered, motion activated, security cameras in several park locations as deterrence to vandalism that has been increasing in recent years. H. Raphaelson provided a summary of the Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee (ODRS) on Fee Waivers. He and C. Vincente have been attending this Town Council sub-committee which is charged with reviewing the Fee Waiver Ordinance as it relates to Parks and Recreation services. ODRS will make recommendations to the Town Council for improvements to the Fee Waiver Ordinance. M. Gerald reiterated RAC's stance that the paying customer should not have to pay more to cover any additional cost of fee waiver program.
- E. Correspondence – C. Vincente reviewed the materials that the department is using to promote the National July is Parks and Recreation Month.
- F. New Business – C. Vincente briefly reviewed the winter quarterly report. J. O'Keefe gave a brief update on spring programs and reviewed ongoing summer programs. J. O'Keefe also reviewed new program proposals for the fitness flex membership.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31pm.